

## PROMPT ACTION AVERTED DANGER

Normal Conditions Restored in  
Lexington Water  
Supply.

### NO FURTHER FEVER CASES

Steps Taken to Prevent Recurrence of Trouble in  
Future.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lexington, Va., December 12.—The State Board of Health has just made an official report which confirms its preliminary report of two weeks ago, to the effect that the cause of the appearance of fever here was quickly ascertained and promptly corrected. The disappearance of the trouble early in December was quite as abrupt as its appearance shortly after the middle of November. The State board reports that the steps taken to correct the situation must inevitably prevent any recurrence of the trouble, and expresses entire confidence in its prompt and definite elimination several weeks ago.

"The trouble was promptly stamped out right at the beginning, as has been conclusively demonstrated, President George H. Denny, of Washington and Lee, today sent out a statement to the patrons of the institution, in which, among other things, he said:

"While events have conclusively demonstrated that the lengthening of the Christmas vacation was unnecessary, yet acting upon the light available at the time, we have no regret in view of our action, which, as already stated, was purely precautionary. "It was to be expected that our action would at first give a few people an exaggerated idea of the situation. Yet the statement of the simple facts has quickly corrected this. It was stated in my former letter that the State Board of Health had made a thorough investigation, and rendered a report that the cause of the trouble had been quickly ascertained and promptly removed. This report has been fully justified by subsequent developments. The situation was promptly and effectively met.

"During the past two weeks or more I have received great masses of answers to my general letter of November 28, and there is not a single report of any trouble developing subsequently to that time. Our student body therefore has not suffered except in the smallest degree.

"According to the spirit of the consideration of the faculty concerning the extended Christmas vacation, I take pleasure in reporting that the student body, without an exception known to me, is preparing to report promptly at the beginning of the winter term, Tuesday, January 3. A committee of the Virginia Military Institute Board of Visitors, consisting of R. A. James, Edward Echols, Joseph Burton, Charles J. Anderson, Thomas L. R. Tate and J. D. Hagleton, sent out a letter to the

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patrons of the institute, in which, among other things, it is stated:

"We desire to assure you that all danger of the recurrence of the trouble is past, and there is no reason why the school should not resume its session on the date fixed (January 3, 1911).

"It is also gratifying to note that the authorities of the town of Lexington, recognizing the seriousness of the situation, took steps immediately to remove the cause."

The gist of the report of the State Board of Health, signed by Dr. A. W. Freeman, assistant commissioner, and by Richard Messer, sanitary engineer, is to the effect that the water supply in the eastern section of the town, in the Virginia Military Institute is situated, became temporarily infected by the cutting off of the water in the mains at the height of the recent drought, and the consequent infection resulting. This was immediately corrected by the town authorities, a new and adequate supply of water being installed. The experts declare the source of the water supply thoroughly safeguarded and see no reason to fear any further trouble in view of what has been done. Certainly it seems evident that normal conditions have been for the past two weeks restored.

### NEW RESIDENT NAMED AS POSTMASTER AT SALEM

Nomination Regarded as Victory for  
Parsons—Will Probably Be  
Opposed in Senate.

Roanoke, Va., December 12.—The appointment today of G. O. McAlexander by President Taft as postmaster at Salem, is looked upon as a victory for J. M. Parsons, who was the Republican candidate for Congress in the Fifth District in the recent elections, over C. Bascomb Slomp, Republican Congressman from the Ninth District, and heretofore looked upon as the G. O. P. boss of Virginia.

McAlexander has only been living in Roanoke county six months, having moved from the Fifth District, a point two miles from Salem. He has been State Senator from the district composed of Franklin and Floyd, and he still retains that position. His appointment as postmaster of Salem will be vigorously opposed by the citizens generally of that town, who want a Salemite in the position. The active candidates of that place were the in-

cumbent, Griffin, and J. H. Oakley and R. H. Yonce.

It is believed here and in Salem that Senators Swanson and Martin will fight the nomination in the Senate.

### ILL WITH TYPHOID FEVER.

Superintendent and Several Attendants  
at Western Hospital Sick.

Staunton, Va., December 12.—Dr. J. S. DeFazette, superintendent of the Western State Hospital, has typhoid fever, and so have some of the attendants and members of their families, all the cases so far being of a mild character. Strange to say, none of the patients have it. The water supply has been thoroughly tested, and has been found to be pure. If it were otherwise some of the patients would have fever. The city health officer is greatly puzzled as to the source of infection.

Gordon Shewey, an electrician of this city, who is working on the wiring of a skyscraper in Charleston, W. Va., on Saturday fell in an elevator twelve stories, and was badly bruised, but no bones were broken, though there are probably internal injuries. A negro, who was also in the elevator, escaped with slight harm. Shewey is the son of Captain J. A. Shewey, of this city, member of the Common Council.

### TWO FALL INTO CULVERT.

Engineer and Fireman on C. & O. Victim of Peculiar Accident.

Hanover, Va., December 12.—The Chesapeake and Ohio freight train No. 17, was delayed here for several hours last night by a very unusual accident. Something becoming wrong with the engine, it came to a standstill directly over the culvert just below the station. Fireman Evans, with a lighted torch, got down to remedy the trouble, and fell into the culvert thirty feet below, breaking his left arm and straining his back painfully. Engineer Lane, not hearing anything from him, followed, also falling into the culvert, breaking his jaw and spraining his ankle. The torch of the engineer was seen by the front brakeman when it went down, and he came to the assistance of the two men. Dr. J. Wood Jordan, of Ashland, was reached by telephone, and came to the relief of the injured men. Dr. Brock came out from Richmond on the 11 o'clock train and carried them on to their homes in Charlottesville.

## WICKERSHAM TELLS LONG TALE OF FRAUDS

His Annual Report Bristles With Stories of  
Wrongs Which Have Been Perpetrated  
Against the Government.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The annual report of Attorney-General Wickersham, presented to Congress today, is one long story of "frauds against the government." "Trusts," he called and real, their alleged conspiracies to defeat the law, land frauds, customs frauds, frauds on the internal revenue, rebates, bucketshops, and fraudulent uses of the mails, have made 1910 the most strenuous year in the history of the Department of Justice. Mr. Wickersham states that only the earnest and enthusiastic work of the men of his force has made the work successful.

"The salaries paid are small," he says, "and the funds available for special counsel do not permit the payment of fees which bear any comparison with those offered by private interests. But notwithstanding these obstacles the department is fortunate in having been able to secure the services of earnest and competent lawyers to whose ability and industry is due the very large measure of success that has attended the management of the legal business of the government during the year."

Prosecutions for violation of the anti-trust law were foremost in the work of the year. Actions, says the Attorney-General, were not under way or pending against the following so-called trusts: Tobacco Trust, Standard Oil Company, Sugar Trust, Harriman Lines, Hard Coal Trust, Powder Trust, Terminal Railway Association of St. Louis, Towing Trust on the Great Lakes, James A. Patton and others for an alleged corner in cotton, Beef Trust, Wholesale Grocers' Trust, Butter and Egg Trust, Brick Trust, Bathing Trust.

The following convictions were secured and fines imposed during the year: Paper Trust, fined \$5,000; Night Riders, fined \$2,500; Window-Glass Trust, fined \$10,000.

After the Attorney-General's report came from the press, however, the American Naval Stores Company, known as the turpentine trust, and six co-defendants, were convicted of violations of the anti-trust law. Two of the individual defendants were sentenced to three months each in jail and fines aggregating \$17,500 were imposed.

**Sugar Trust Prosecution.**  
Prosecutions of the sugar trust for frauds upon the government in the weighing of raw sugar recovered for the government \$3,125,353.88. Convictions and sentences of individuals, still fresh in the public mind, were secured.

Most extensive of all frauds against the government yet discovered are those in the undervaluations of imports into the United States. The extent of the Treasury losses can only be conjectured. Every step of the investigation shows fresh leads. There are now suits under way to recover \$700,000, of which the customs revenue is said to have been defrauded in imports of cheese and figs from Mediterranean ports. Indictments are pending and some convictions have been secured. A highly organized system to defraud the government has been disclosed.

More than thirty individual indictments are pending against persons charged with smuggling with "sleeper trucks." Offers of compromise and prayers for immunity are in the hands of the Attorney-General from several firms of importers who have confessed to frauds in undervaluations.

"The conditions disclosed seem to indicate a very general practice of undervaluations," says the Attorney-General, "and a very lax administration of the customs laws in the past, which has subjected the government to a very material loss of revenue. A general investigation into the subject of frauds by undervaluation has only commenced, and this branch of the subject will now be passed vigorously."

**General Immunity.**  
The Attorney-General recommends that a general immunity statute, such as exists under the interstate commerce laws, should be enacted to apply to criminal prosecutions generally, but says such a statute should only protect a witness from the consequence of the testimony he is about to give.

Twenty-five criminal indictments, charging rebating and other illegal discriminations, are pending against railroads, private corporations and individuals. Two convictions, with fines, were secured during the year.

Land frauds are probably entitled to place with the customs frauds and violations of the anti-trust law. The department won signal victories during the year against unlawful fencing of the public domain. In ninety-eight civil suits and twenty-eight criminal prosecutions more than 400,000 acres of land illegally fenced were restored to the government.

Prosecutions against the Oregon and California Railroad Company and forty-five other defendants, to recover 2,300,000 acres of land, valued at \$50,000,000, which the government claims are illegally held, are now pending. There are also under way twenty-four suits against the Central Pacific Railway Company and others to recover thousands of acres of valuable lands, which the government contends are illegally patented, probably with the private knowledge that they were valuable for the minerals and oils underneath.

**350 Places Closed.**  
In the department's campaign against bucket shops, 350 such places were closed; others voluntarily closed as a result of the crusade, and indictments are pending against men and corporations and the telegraph company which allowed the use of its wires.

The Bureau of Investigation, which has built up an efficient secret police, began raids on firms charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The



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Attorney-General recommends legislation to permit the agents of that bureau to administer oaths and serve processes. During the year there were 15,371 criminal cases of all sorts in the United States courts, which produced fines, forfeitures and penalties aggregating \$1,083,574.

Mr. Wickersham recommends legislation to give the right of appeal in Indian cases, a law for the issue of search warrants for property stolen from the government; that Federal judges be allowed traveling expenses within their own districts, and that the salaries of all Federal justices be increased. He also recommends that the statute of limitations in customs frauds be extended from three to five years.

The Attorney-General also recommends legislation to permit the United States to sue and prosecute an offending corporation wherever that corporation may do business. As a result of the Attorney-General's recent trip to Alaska, he presents some recommendations for the relief of that Territory. Some law should be enacted to help the needy and deserving poor in that climate, he says. Under the present law, when a person is found with legs or arms frozen off or starved nearly to death, it is necessary to charge the invalid with vagrancy and have him committed in order to get treatment in a government hospital.

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**Engagement Announced.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., December 12.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Day, of lower Fauquier county, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alma Day to Milton Smith, of the same county. The ceremony will take place in Washington on Thursday, December 15.

**WIFE MAKES EFFORT TO FIND TRACE OF HUSBAND**

No Clue as to Whereabouts of John C. Keys—Interesting Deed Filed.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., December 12.—The distressed wife of John C. Keys, the wealthy North Dakota farmer, who was due to have arrived in Bristol

nearly three weeks ago, but no word from whom has been received since he started on his journey, has just advertised an offer of \$100 reward for information that will locate the missing man. Keys, who is supposed to have carried \$12,000 on his person, is believed to have reached Chicago, but no trace of him has been found since he wrote souvenir cards from St. Paul, Minn.

An interesting deed, which had been hid away in trunks since the date it was written—May, 1830—has just been presented here for recordation. It was from William H. Rockhold, to his son, William W. Rockhold, and conveyed 640 acres of land on the Holston River, near Bluff City, East Tennessee, the consideration being \$1,000. The same land is now worth \$25,000. It is the property of the Wason heirs, and it was through them that the old deed was presented as a means of clearing up the title.

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# That Suit for Libel Against the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Gave a Splendid Chance to Bring Out Facts

A disagreement about advertising arose with a "Weekly" Journal.

Following it, an attack on us appeared in their editorial columns, sneering at the claims we made, particularly regarding Appendicitis.

We replied through the regular papers, and the "weekly" thought we hit back rather too hard and thereupon sued for libel.

The advertisement the "weekly" attacked us about claimed that in many cases of appendicitis an operation could be avoided by discontinuing indigestible food, washing out the bowels and taking a predigested food Grape-Nuts.

Observe we said MANY cases, not all.

Wouldn't that knowledge be a comfort to those who fear a surgeon's knife as they fear death?

The "weekly" writer said that was a lie.

We replied that he was ignorant of the facts.

He was put on the stand and compelled to admit he was not a Dr. and had no medical knowledge of appendicitis, and never investigated to find out if the testimonial letters to our Co. were genuine.

A famous surgeon testified that when an operation was required Grape-Nuts would not obviate it. True.

We never claimed that when an operation was required Grape-Nuts would prevent it.

The surgeon testified bacteria (germs) helped to bring on an attack, and bacteria was grown by undigested food frequently.

We claimed and proved by other famous experts that undigested food was largely responsible for appendicitis.

We showed by expert testimony that many cases are healed without a knife, but by stopping the use of food which did not digest, and when food was required again it was helpful to use a predigested food which did not overtax the weakened organs of digestion.

When a pain in the right side appears it is not always

necessary to be rushed off to a hospital and, at the risk of death, be cut.

Plain common sense shows the better way is to stop food that evidently has not been digested.

Then, when food is required, use an easily digested food. Grape-Nuts or any other if you know it to be predigested (partly digested before taking).

We brought to Court analytical chemists from New York, Chicago and Mishawaka, Ind., who swore to the analysis of Grape-Nuts and that part of the starch by part of the wheat and barley had been transformed into sugar, the kind of sugar produced in the human body by digesting starch (the large part of food).

Some of the State chemists brought on by the "weekly" said Grape-Nuts could not be called a "predigested" food because not all of it was digested outside the body.

The other chemists said any food which had been partly or half digested outside the body was commonly known as "predigested."

Splitting hairs about the meaning of a word.

It is sufficient that if only one-half of the food is "predigested," it is easier on weakened stomach and bowels than food in which no part is predigested.

To show the facts we introduce Dr. Thos. Darlington, former chief of the N. Y. Board of Health; Dr. Ralph W. Webster, chief of the Chicago Laboratories, and Dr. B. Sachs, N. Y.

If we were a little severe in our denunciation of a writer, self-confessed ignorant about appendicitis and its cause, it is possible the public will excuse us, in view of the fact that our head, Mr. C. W. Post, has made a lifetime study of food, food digestion and effects, and the conclusions are endorsed by many of the best medical authorities of the day.

Is it possible that we are at fault for suggesting, as a Father and Mother might, to one of the family who announced a pain in the side: "Stop using the food, greasy meats, gravies, mince pie, cheese, too much starchy food, &c., &c., which has not been digested; then, when again ready for food, use Grape-Nuts because it is easy of digestion?"

Or should the child be at once carted off to a hospital and cut?

We have known of many cases wherein the approaching signs of appendicitis have disappeared by the suggestion being followed.

No one better appreciates the value of a skilful physician when a person is in the awful throes of acute appendicitis, but "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Just plain old common sense is helpful even nowadays.

This trial demonstrated Grape-Nuts food is pure beyond question.

It is partly predigested.

Appendicitis generally has rise from undigested food.

It is not always necessary to operate.

It is best to stop all food.

When ready to begin feeding use a predigested food.

It is palatable and strong in Nourishment.

It will pay fine returns in health to quit the heavy breakfasts and lunches, and use less food, but select food certainly known to contain the elements nature requires to sustain the body. May we be permitted to suggest a breakfast of fruit, Grape-Nuts and cream, two soft-boiled eggs, and some hot toast and cocoa, milk or Postum.

The question of whether Grape-Nuts does or does not contain the elements which nature requires for the nourishment of the brain, also of its purity, will be treated in later newspaper articles.

Good food is important and its effect on the body is also important.

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